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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.

09/698,479 Vance Bergeron 8439.004.USCP00

TITLE OF INVENTION: POLYMERS, COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE FOR FOAMS, LAUNDRY DETERGENTS, SHOWER RINSES, AND COAGULANTS

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# Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 557 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 557 day(s).

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1. This communication is responsive to <u>amendment (3/2/201</u>	<u>0)</u> .		
2. X The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-15,17,19-41 and 43-48.			
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority una) All b) Some* c) None of the:  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority do International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  * Certified copies not received:  Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONN THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.	e been received. e been received in Application ocuments have been received i of this communication to file a MENT of this application.	No  In this national stage application from the reply complying with the requirements	
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/William K Cheung/	March 31, 2010		_
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. In view of the amendment filed March 2, 2010, claims 5, 16, 18, 42 have been cancelled. In view of the allowability of instant application, the non-elected claims 19-24, 34-41 are rejoined with the elected claims. Claims 1-4, 6-15, 17, 19-41, 43-48 are examined with merit.

2. In view of the amendment filed March 2, 2010, the rejection of claims 1-4, 6-15, 17, 18, 33, 43-48 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over McCall (US 5,277,899) or Li et al. (US 5,580,819), is withdrawn.

### Allowances

- 3. Claims 1-4, 6-15, 17, 19-41, 43-48 are allowed.
- 4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As of the date of this office action, the examiner has not located or identified any reference that can be used singularly or in combination with another reference including the closest prior art of McCall (US 5,277,899) and Li et al. (US 5,580,819) to render the present invention anticipated or obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. McCall and Li et al. do not teach the polymeric compositions being claimed.

In light of the above discussion, it is evident as to why the present claims are patentable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, and to avoid processing delays, should

preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WILLIAM K. CHEUNG whose telephone number is (571)272-1097. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM; 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David WU can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1796

William K. Cheung, Ph. D. Primary examiner March 31, 2010